

News Release

City of Middletown

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Middletown, CT — Mayor Daniel Drew has declared a state of emergency in the City of Middletown as of 6 a.m. Saturday.

The City experienced rapid, major accumulations of snow overnight and crews from Public Works, Water & Sewer, and Parks & Recreation are working to clear roadways.

Accumulation was so rapid and significant that clearing main thoroughfares will take the better part of Saturday and will necessitate the use of heavy equipment. Residents on side streets and rural roads are asked for their patience as crews work to clear roads.

“This is a historic storm,” Mayor Drew said. “We’re working around the clock to clear our streets and our emergency operations center is monitoring conditions and coordinating our response.”

Police, fire, and ambulance crews are responding to medical emergencies and 911 calls as they are able by coordinating efforts with Public Works.

“This storm has presented some major challenges, but we have everything under control and we’ll be back to normal as soon as possible,” Mayor Drew said.

In accordance with Governor Malloy’s executive order, the City of Middletown reminds residents to stay off the roads. They are highly impassible and multiple vehicles were stuck and abandoned by the side of the roadways overnight.

Residents are reminded to be careful when shoveling walkways and driveways. Where able, please assist elderly or disabled neighbors. Many people experience injuries while cleaning snow, and it’s important to do so slowly so as to avoid dangerous injuries.

Residents are also reminded to be mindful of blockages of exterior vents and accumulation of carbon monoxide in their homes.

As of 8 a.m., Saturday approximately 1/2% of CL&P customers in the City are without power. As of Saturday morning, the City Of Middletown does **not** plan to open the emergency shelter at Middletown High School.

The Warming Center at South Congregational Church and the lobby of the Middletown Police Department are open to anyone who needs refuge.

A parking ban is in effect until further notice vehicles parked on the streets will be towed.

Updates will be forthcoming throughout the day. Please check www.middletownct.gov for up-to-the-minute information.